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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, APRIL 30

1. WP (PAGE 21) HEADLINE "ASTRONAUTS SEE SOVIET PAD" BY PETER OSNOS, REPORTS ON INTERVIEWS OF LEONOV AND AMERICAN ASTRONAUTS WITH PRESS AFTER VISIT TO SOVIET SPACE LAUNCHING SITE, INDICATING THAT THERE WERE NO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. THIS IS FIRST VISIT BY FOREIGNERS TO SITE, ASIDE FROM GENERAL DE GAULLE; AMERICANS INSISTED VISIT WAS NECESSARY. MENTIONS U.S. CORRESPONDENTS NOT PERMITTED TO GO ALONG.

SUN HAD SIMILAR, SHORTER STORY BY MICHAEL PARKS ON PAGE 3 HEADLINED "DETENTE DOING A-OK ON THE SPACE FRONT", EMPHASIZING SLAYTON AND LEONOV QUOTES ON IMPORTANCE OF US-SOVIET COOPERATION.

2. WP (PAGE 26) HEADLINE "SOVIETS PUSH DRIVE TO END SECURITY TALKS" DATELINED BRUSSELS, REFERS TO SECOND ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION. THOUGH MEETING, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN LIEGE, BELGIUM, RECEIVED SCANT ATTENTION IN LOCAL PRESS, SOVIETS UNCLASSIFIED

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HAD HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION AND PUBLICITY PUSHED BY NOVOSTI. THRUST OF DISCUSSION WAS IN LINE WITH SOVIET DESIRE TO CONCLUDE CONFERENCE.

3. WSJ (PAGE 20) EDITORIAL HEADLINED "WHATEVER
HAPPENED TO DETENTE" COMMENTING ON ARTICLE BY A.I.
SOBOLEV IN RABOCHITY KASS I SOVREMENNY MIR (PRINTED
ON SAME PAGE) INDICATING THAT SOVIETS VIEW DETENTE AS
A TACTIC OF CLASS WARFARE AND THAT WE SHOULD BE ON
GUARD AND FACE REALITIES IN ORDER TO AVOID A POSSIBLE
RETURN TO DIRECT CONFRONTATION BY SOVIETS. DISCUSSES
BOTH VIETNAM AND PORTUGAL. KISSINGER

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